376D. The Commission has also recommended insertion of a new Section 376E dealing with unlawful sexual contact. As the Criminal Law is on the Concurrent List of the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India, the State Governments have been requested for their views on the recommendations of the Law Commission. The Government has also set up a Committee under the Chairmanship of Dr. Justice V. S. Malimath, formerly Chief Justice of Karnataka and Kerala High Courts to consider measures for revamping the Criminal Justice System and to make recommendations for the consideration of the Government. The Committee has, *inter-alia*, been mandated to examine whether there is a need to re-write the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973, the Indian Penal Code, 1860 and the Indian Evidence Act, 1872 to bring them in tune with the demand of times and in harmony with the aspirations of the people.

Practice of carrying night soil on head

1319. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Chairperson of the National Human Rights Commission has asked the Prime Minister to take steps to ensure that inhuman and degrading practice of carrying night soil on head is stopped at the earliest;

(b) whether any steps have been taken to end this practice in a time bound programme; and

(c) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. In this regard, a draft "National Action Plan for Total Eradication of Manual Scavenging by 2007" has been prepared to amalgamate the different schemes pertaining to the liberation and rehabilitation of scavengers and to speed up the process. It will be finalized soon.

Inclusion of certain communities in the SC list

†1320. PROF. RAM DEO BHANDARY: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether on the basis of the report of Joint Select Committee, the synonym of 'Paan' are given 'Tanti' and 'Tatbe' in annexure related to Bihar

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

in part III of the Schedule Caste and Schedule Tribe Amendment Bill No. 119-B-119-B.

(b) whether 'Paan-Swansi' community is a Scheduled Caste Community;

(c) whether only 'Paaner' has been added with Pan, Swansi in the Constitution (Scheduled Caste) Order (Second Amendment) Bill, 2002, Bill No. 84;

(d) whether the institutions associated with these communities have given a memorandum to Government; and

(e) if so, by when the legal formality would be completed by Government to include 'Tanti' and 'Tantwa' community in the Scheduled Caste category?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) The Joint Committee on the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Orders (Amendment) Bill, 1967 recommended inclusion of Tanti, Tantwe (not Tatbe) as Scheduled Caste in Bihar and that these communities were included in the Bill No. 119(B) of 1967. The Bill, however, lapsed.

(b) Pan, Sawasi (not Paan-Sawansi) is listed as Scheduled Caste in Bihar.

(c) Panr (not Panner) has been incorporated in the Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Orders (Second Amendment) Bill, 2002.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) No time-frame can be assigned as the proposals are processed in accordance with the approved modalities in consultation with concerned State/Union Territory Administrations, Registrar General of India and the National Commission for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, which is time consuming process.

Pending cases of CSIR employee before the NCSCST

1321. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether many cases related to employees of CSIR are pending before the National Commission for SC/ST;

(b) if so, the details including the number of cases and the date of submission of the respective cases;

(c) if so, the reasons for the delay, if any, in settling the cases, case-wise;

(d) whether there is any time limit for the settling of each case; and